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## Memorandum

TO : R. O. L'Allier

DATE: October 19, 1961

FROM : S. J. Papich

SUBJECT: CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER RAUL ROA  
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Reference is made to memorandum dated October 9, 1961, from Mr. Donahoe to Mr. Sullivan. Liaison was requested to discreetly attempt to obtain details of a previous Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) approach to bring about the defection of the subject (S) (U) MIGUEL ANGEL QUEVEDO (S) Ram

The Liaison Agent has ascertained that prior to the Cuban invasion in April, 1961, CIA became quite excited about the possibilities of [defecting Roa]. He allegedly had become [disillusioned] and was interested in establishing his residence in the U.S. CIA was not receiving this information directly but through different Cuban intermediaries. The Agency then promoted [an approach through a Cuban named Quevedo] who is the owner [and editor] of the Cuban publication, "Bohemia Libre" in New York City. [Quevedo] reportedly had direct contact with [Roa] and was also in touch with one of Roa's sisters [not identified]. CIA also utilized a source named [Falcon Brecono] who had made some contact [with Roa] (S) N.Y.

As we know, CIA was unsuccessful in [promoting subject's defection]. Roa allegedly had expressed an interest but [after the abortive invasion in April, he took an entirely different attitude and] continued to remain loyal to Castro. CIA did not promote any further attempts [to defect subject] (S) (U)

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- 1 - Mr. Donahoe
- 1 - Mr. Mullins
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Papich

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